

Protocol No. 42
EMT-DEFIBRILLATION (AUTO)
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EMT providers will follow these guidelines, but are not restricted from adding their own standard operating procedures within their own functioning area or department.

I. INDICATION:

All adult patients (>8 years of age or 70 lbs.) who are unconscious, pulseless, and breathless, except traumatic arrests, and EMS/DNR as per Protocol #4.

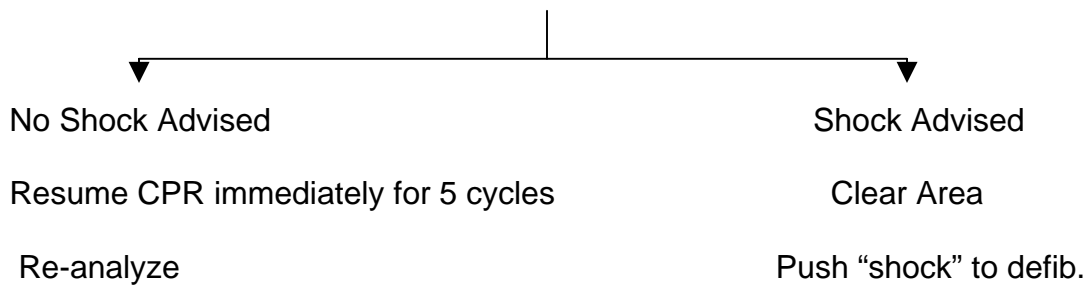
II. PROCEDURE:

Upon encountering a pulseless and breathless patient:

Begin CPR 30:2 -continue for 2 minutes (5 cycles)

Attach Automatic Defibrillator

Analyze



After the first shock or after any "No Shock Indicated", perform CPR for 5 cycles (about 2 minutes). After 5 cycles of CPR, reanalyze and repeat above steps up to three times.

Advise responding A.L.S. unit of patient's response to treatment and obtain further direction from Online Medical Control.

III. PUBLIC ACCESS

If a Public Access Automatic Defibrillator is in place, EMS crews should continue defibrillation or rhythm analysis with that device. Defibrillation of ventricular fibrillation must not be delayed.